Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then moved that the Bill be committed to a Select Committee consi- of the Mover and Messrs. Vieyra, Richardson, Rangaswami Aiyangar and Velu Pillai, to r within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE CHRISTIAN SUCCESSION BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar presented the report of the Select Committee on the Christian Succession Bill, and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for consideration.

The President observed that petitions had been received for the postponement of the consideration of the Bill and suggested that the discussion of the Bill be therefore adjourned.

The Council adopted the President's suggestion.

THE COMPANIES BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar then presented the report of the Select Committee on the Companies Bill, and moved that the report and the Bill be taken up for consideration at once.

Seconded by Mr. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Carried.

The consideration of the Companies Bill was accordingly taken up and continued till 5 P. M., when the Council adjourned.

The Council met again at 12 noon on the following day. All the Members who attended on the previous day were present except Mr. Parameswaran Pillai. The Council resumed the consideration of the Companies Bill.

Section 75, Sub-section (3), Clause (d).

Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar moved that the words "(if any)" be substituted between the words "Secretary" and the words "of the Company" in line 2 of the above Clause, as the Bill did not provide for the compulsory appointment of a Secretary by any company.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Aiyar.

Carried.

Section 97, sub-section (2).

Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar moved that the word "or" be substituted for the word "and" occurring in line 4 of the above sub-section, in order to make the meaning clear.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Aiyar.

Carried.

Section 126.

Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar moved that the words "on conviction" occurring in line 4 of Clause (*b*) of sub-section (1), line 5 of sub-section (2), and line 5 of sub-section (3) be deleted, so as to make the penal provisions in that Section conform to the other penal provisions in the Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Subba Aiyar.

Carried.

Section 279.

Mr. Sesha Aiyar pointed out that Section 279, sub-section (1), provided for the trial of offences under the proposed Regulation by a Magistrate not inferior to a Magistrate of the First Class, but that it was nowhere provided in the Bill whether any appeal would lie from the convictions of such a Magistrate. The Member suggested that, if it was intended that appeals should lie in the ordinary way, it would be better to make the matter clear by an express provision in the Bill itself.

Mr. Subba Aiyar said that appeals would certainly lie from the convictions of Magistrates under the proposed law just as in the case of convictions of such Magistrates under any other law, and that the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code were clear on the subject.

After some discussion on the point, the Council resolved that there was no objection to a separate provision being added to Section 279, providing for appeals from the convictions of First Class Magistrates under the penal Clauses of the Bill.

Mr. Subba Aiyar thereupon moved that the following Clause might be added as sub-section (3) of Section 279.

"An appeal from any conviction of a Magistrate under this Regulation shall lie to the Court to which appeals from convictions by such Magistrate ordinarily lie".

Seconded by Mr. Sesha Aiyar.

Carried.

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